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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE SIBERIAN TRADE FAIR

USDOC FOR BEWT/DOWNEY

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1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT PLANS MOVING AHEAD FOR WASHINGTON STATE TRADE FAIR IN Khabarovsk in May 1975. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THIS EVENT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, AS FAR AS UNITED STATES ORGANIZATIONS ARE CONCERNED, TO BE HELD IN SOVIET FAR EAST, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES IT OFFERS INTERESTING OPPORTUNITIES, BOTH IN TERMS OF PUBLICITY AND TRADE.

2. ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH WASHINGTON AGENCIES MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE SENATOR MAGNUSON TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT. GIVEN THE SENATOR'S WELL-KNOWN INTEREST IN PROMOTING TRADE BETWEEN PACIFIC NORTHWEST STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC BASIN AS WELL AS HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE, THE SENATOR MIGHT WELL BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A PROPOSAL. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IS ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL DIRECT FLIGHT FROM SEATTLE TO Khabarovsk USING BOEING 747 AIRCRAFT FOR OPENING OF EXHIBITION. BOEING MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A FLIGHT, GIVEN ITS CURRENT SALES EFFORT HERE AND ITS POSITION AS LARGEST INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE IN WASHINGTON, AND SOVIETS MAY

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BE PREPARED APPROVE FLIGHT DESPITE PREVIOUS REFUSAL TO ALLOW USE

FO WIDE-BODIED JETS ON CHARTERS TO USSR PREVIOUS AIR ALASKA
CHARTERS FROM FAIRBANKS TO KHABAROVSK INDICATE THAT SECURITY
CONSIDERATONS WOULD NOT POSE MAJOR OBSTACLE.

3. IF DEPARTMENT AND USDOC PERCEIVE NO OBJECTON, COMMERCIAL OFFICE
PLANS CONTACT EXHIBITION ORGANIZERS DIRECTLY AND OFFER WHAT-
EVER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE IN CARRYING OUT THEIR PLANS.
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